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## DAILY



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Social sciences professor Maliha Zulfacar just returned from a trip to Kabul, Afghanistan, where she is originally from. Zulfacar has not been able to visit her homeland for 23 years. Afghanistan's Ministry of Higher Education invited Zulfacar to help rebuild the university system and promote the position of women in higher education. The goal is also to connect Kabul University with Cal Poly.

## Professor returns to Afghanistan

Maliha Zulfacar travels back home to help country rebuild itself

By Dale Quinn and Sonia Slutzki

MUSTANG DAILY CONTRIBUTOR  
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Maliha Zulfacar left Kabul, Afghanistan, from a moderate but functioning airport during the 1979 Soviet invasion. She was with her 2-year-old son and two suitcases. She left behind her hometown, her job as a college professor, and a city struggling to redefine its political and social structure. When she returned to Kabul for the first time this spring, the same airport lay in shambles.

"Once I stepped out of the airport and drove toward town, I saw nothing but destruction," Zulfacar said.

Zulfacar has been teaching in Cal Poly's social sciences department for 10 years. She got her M.A. and M.S. from the University of Cincinnati and later received her Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Paderborn, Germany.

Zulfacar has not been able to visit

Kabul in 23 years because of the political turmoil. She had left fearing persecution. Many people in the country perceived an educated woman as a threat. She returned to Afghanistan for the same reasons that once had forced her to leave: to rebuild the university system and to promote the position of women in higher education.

"The position of women has been manipulated by different political groups that have come to power," she said. "Now the government would like to promote women's participation in higher education, but there's so much insecurity and fear."

When Afghanistan's Ministry of Higher Education invited Zulfacar to Kabul to rehabilitate educational opportunities for Afghan students, she didn't hesitate, even if it meant going into the heart of a recent war zone.

The project's goals include rebuilding university structures, creating a

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## Reasons people take GHB

By Sean Martin

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

"They did it for the euphoric feeling," psychology junior Brian Kent said about his friends.

Other people use gamma-hydroxybutyrate, commonly known as GHB, to relax, enhance sexuality or increase verbalization.

Users often feel side effects such as dizziness, lack of coordination, seizures, loss of bladder control, amnesia, vomiting and possible death, according to a Feb. 11 Associated Press article.

The drug is usually found as a clear liquid, white powder, tablet or pill. It is usually made of common household products, such as furniture cleaners and rat poison, and users can find recipes on the Internet.

"I'd much rather clean wood with furniture cleaner," said Tonje Silfvenius, director of the Prevention Education Program at San Jose State University.

The drug usually takes effect 10 to 20 minutes after it is taken, and it

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## City Council passes ordinance to clean up SLO

In-Depth  
REPORT

By Stephanie Perry

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Roaming through the neighborhoods of San Luis Obispo, it is fairly easy to distinguish between a family home and one that is occupied by a group of college students. Student residences, often set apart by poor paint jobs, unkempt lawns and multiple cars jammed into a single driveway, can often be eyesores to the public.

A new set of rules approved April 16 by the San Luis Obispo City Council may change all that. Under the ordinance, property owners will be required to keep their properties looking neater by repairing damaged paint and structures, as well as maintaining a sensible upkeep on lawns and yard work.

"We want to build the community up, so we think this is really a step in the right direction," said Rob Bryn, San Luis Obispo's Neighborhood Services Team (NST) manager.



Many homes, like this one on Hathway Avenue, will have to get rid of things such as furniture in their front yards under new regulations to take effect later in May.

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The rules, which will become law late next month, may also mean that students will see improvements in rental conditions. By holding landlords accountable for both the cost and upkeep of their properties, renters should experience a higher quality of rental living, Bryn said.

### The ordinance

Under the new regulations, buildings and houses will not be allowed to have excessive paint damage.

This includes houses in which more than 25 percent of the exterior has flaking or curling paint. The outside surfaces are not limited to the house itself, but also include trim, gutters, downspouts, doors, windows, fences and walls.

Buildings that are abandoned, partially destroyed or left partially built would also be in violation. Partially damaged means that 25 percent or more of the structure has been damaged and not repaired for more than one year. Partially built

means that the building has remained unfinished for more than two years and takes away from the appearance of the neighborhood.


Other rules include cutting lawns and weeds that are more than 12 inches high, repairing driveways or paved areas with sizeable cracks and removing graffiti from buildings. Neglected structures and machinery, like old cars, will no longer be allowed to sit in neighborhoods


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## Weather WATCH


### 5-DAY FORECAST

 **WEDNESDAY**  
High: 67° / Low: 49°

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 **FRIDAY**  
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**TODAY'S SUN**  
Rise: 6:21 a.m. / Set: 7:43 p.m.

**TODAY'S MOON**  
Rise: 3:59 p.m. / Set: N/A

**TODAY'S TIDE**  
AT PORT SAN LUIS  
  
Low: 1:44 a.m. / 1.68 feet  
High: 7:28 a.m. / 4.48 feet  
Low: 2:11 p.m. / -0.48 feet  
High: 8:44 p.m. / 4.83 feet

## REPAIRS

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where they could be a safety problem to the public.

Furthermore, the package features a review on garage conversions; a fine increase for parking on the yard; trash can enclosures for new developments; and a raise in the voting majority for parking districts.

### Student Community Liaison

Since students are such a big part of the rental community, Cydney Holcomb, Residents for Quality Neighborhoods (RQN) chairwoman, said it was important to get them involved with the regulation package. So, RQN presented the neighborhood ordinance to the Cal Poly Student Community Liaison Committee (SCLC) asking for their endorsement.

"We learned very early on in the process that it isn't smart to go to City Council with anything that's going to be negative for students," Holcomb said.

Poorly maintained property is a problem for the community, and students, Holcomb said. By getting students involved in the enhancement package, Holcomb said that RQN hoped to reach out to students and help them understand the process instead of creating any type of animosity.

"They're paying a huge amount of money for some pretty bare bone stuff and afraid to talk to the landlord because they're afraid they're going to get kicked out," she said.

### What it means for students

After reviewing the neighborhood enhancement package, SCLC decided to support the ordinance.

Derek Huerta, Associated Students Inc. commissioner of community relations, worked with RQN while they were designing the package. He said that the idea of the ordinance was to fix some of the aesthetic problems that exist in the community and that one reason he felt comfortable approving the ordinance was because it focused on landowners, not renters.

"If (students) are living in a place where the paint isn't up to par and is peeling or cracking, they shouldn't be responsible for that," Huerta said. "It's a landlord issue."

Bryn shared a similar feeling.

"We want to not only have the tools available to us to respond to this, but we want to send a message to landlords: Please don't try to take advantage of our students or other renters by allowing your rental properties to run down," he said.

Given that landlords may be required to shell out more money for expenses they incur for property maintenance, the question remains as to whether rent would increase for students living in rented facilities.

"I don't see how it could affect rent prices," Bryn said.

The only way that rent would increase would be if the violation were so terrible and expensive that it would somehow come back to the tenant in a rent increase, he added.

Huerta also said that any increase in student rent wouldn't be a direct correlation to the ordinance. Instead, the new ordinance could be beneficial to students and other renters by providing them with recourse to take action, he said.

"A lot of the places that students live in now are pretty crappy and it's really unfortunate," Huerta said. "They're paying through the nose for places that suck."

Holding landowners accountable for general problems with yard main-

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**Rob Bryn**

SLO's Neighborhood Services Team manager

tenance and paint takes care of things that should already be included as part of a student's rent, he said.

### How it works

Community Development's Code Enforcement Group will enforce the ordinance. While some provisions are subject to 72-hour notice, others may take a little more time. For instance, if property owners have a paint violation, they will receive a notice advising them of the violation. The owner then has 15 days to contact the Code Enforcement Group to find out how they can clear the violation.

If an owner is not financially able to make the necessary changes, Bryn said there are steps that can be taken to make sure the maintenance gets done, depending on the seriousness of the violation. In certain cases, community service clubs or Student Community Services could be contacted to help an owner make any adjustments.

"There are a lot of people around who like to help and if someone was truly destitute and barely making it, we would make every effort to find volunteers to assist in doing that," he said.

Since San Luis Obispo is 52 percent rental property, there is a large focus placed on making sure that rental housing is kept in a somewhat generally good condition, Bryn said.

"If we can prevent some of that blight from happening up front, it's better long-term for the city, it's much more cost effective, and it's better from a quality of life stand-

### A closer look

The recently passed rules are actually a set of adjustments that were made to the 1995 Neighborhood Enhancement Ordinance, which was initially a "clean-up" package on property regulations. The 1995 ordinance took rules that were scattered among existing city codes and placed them into a single package. The purpose was to take the legal language out of the codes, making it easier for the public, as well as the people administering the regulations, to understand the rules, Bryn said.

New property maintenance ordinances were created to enable the city to hold the large number of absentee landlords accountable and a green weed ordinance was established to provide year-round enforcement of unruly yards, Holcomb said.

The April 16 package added several new regulations, as well as some local standards on existing rules. For example, prior to the ordinance, the fire department could only enforce weeds if they were a fire hazard, meaning they had to be dry.

RQN started working on the new ordinance in early 2000. This entailed a review of the city's Municipal Code and identification of areas RQN thought needed to be changed or updated. After agreeing on the proposal package, it underwent recommendations by NST, the Planning Commission and finally the City Council.

### Clarification:

A story on Polyratings in the April 22 edition of Mustang Daily quoted a student who stated that finance professor Larry Gorman e-mailed his Business 444 students not to write anything bad about him publicly. To clarify, the quote illustrates the impression that student got from previous e-mails from Gorman. There is no evidence to back up the claim.

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## National Briefs

## Perfect SAT scores for roommate pair

HARTSVILLE, S.C. — Anna Hardin and Keltly Allen share more than a room at a public boarding school. They also share attention they are receiving for their perfect scores of 1,600 each on their SATs.

Both girls are students at the South Carolina Governor's school for Science and Mathematics, which is a public boarding school for academically advanced high school juniors and seniors.

"This is a most unusual thing," said Gerry Caffee, vice president for student development at the school. "We've had some students score 1,600 in the past, but we never had two in a class score that high, let alone two roommates." Caffee predicts that, from now on, many students will want to board in the room, which has been nicknamed "Room 3200."

— Associated Press

## Body of rock singer found with heroin kit

SEATTLE — Heroin paraphernalia was found with the decayed body of Alice in Chains singer, police said Sunday.

Layne Staley, 34, was found dead in his north Seattle apartment two weeks after his death, authorities said. He was found by a relative Friday, lying amongst heroin-injection paraphernalia.

Police said there will be no criminal investigation, since foul play is not suspected. It is not yet known whether

the death was natural or due to an overdose because results of toxin tests have not yet been returned.

A candlelight vigil was held for Staley on Saturday night, and was attended by about 100 friends and relatives.

The group's hits included "Man in a Box" and "Rooster."

Staley admitted himself into rehabilitation programs several times in an attempt to kick his heroin addiction, but was unsuccessful. His addiction is at least partially blamed for the band's demise.

— Associated Press

## Illinois tornado kills one, injures dozens

CHICAGO — At least one person was killed and dozens more were injured by a tornado that ripped through southern Illinois on Sunday afternoon, authorities said.

The twister was part of a larger storm that affected parts of two counties.

Michael D. Watkinson, 47, was found dead in his mobile home and appeared to have sustained several injuries. The death appears to be the first tornado fatality in the nation this year.

"(The tornado) picked the mobile home up, moved it some 30 feet and leveled it," said Wayne County coroner Jimmy Taylor.

Authorities said about 30 people were treated for minor injuries and that high winds uprooted trees, demolished houses and trailer homes, and caused other property damage, including one street that was "decimated."

Another mobile home resident said that he was inside his trailer during the storm. The trailer was flipped and spun before landing on its side.

Golf ball-size hail was also reported.

— Associated Press

## U.S. support of Colombia protested in Washington

WASHINGTON — Hundreds of protesters marched peacefully to the capitol Monday to oppose U.S. funding for the Colombian military, but only after they recited a pledge against vandalism, violence, running and swearing.

The demonstration was unauthorized, but mostly peaceful. Law enforcement turnout was high, but officials credited protest leaders for keeping the peace by urging non-violence.

Protesters hiked 1.5 miles from the Washington Monument to the Capitol. Police officials estimated the protesters to number 1,000 and the police to number 700. Thirty-seven protesters were arrested for obstructing traffic after kneeling with hands linked to block two entrances to the Capitol grounds.

Demonstrators were concerned about the government's funding of the Colombian military in its anti-guerrilla war and of a U.S. Army school that trains Latin American soldiers, some of whom committed human rights abuses after training.

Pro-Palestinian and pro-Israeli demonstrators were also protesting in Washington at the time. A mile-long portion of one of the city's major thor-

oughfares was cordoned off for them. Pro-Palestinian and pro-Israeli protesters were kept in separate areas.

— Associated Press

## International Briefs

## Africa

KIGALI, Rwanda — Former Rwandan President Pasteur Bizimungu was arrested for allegedly conducting illegal political activities, police said Sunday. He led Rwanda after a 1994 genocide campaign killed 500,000 people.

The arrest occurred Friday, after documents indicating Bizimungu was conducting illegal political activities that were allegedly designed to breed discontent and endanger national security were found in his home.

If convicted, Bizimungu could face up to 10 years in prison and a \$227 fine. Police said that he had been given advice to stop spreading rumors and propaganda. In 2000, Bizimungu tried to start an opposition party.

In Rwanda, political parties are allowed, but political campaigning is banned.

— Associated Press

## Asia

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — The Muslim Malaysian government, in an attempt to handle the sharp rise in sex crimes, is planning to publicly flog those found guilty of incest and rape, a newspaper report said.

An official from the prime minister's office said he expects the paperwork for the plan to be done by next

month and that the measures will be approved.

Currently, sexual intercourse between people who cannot be married by law, religion or custom, can be punished by whipping, but as of yet, public flogging is not allowed.

The Malaysian population is mostly Muslim. The incidence of sex crimes is especially high among the native Malays of Malaysia. Malays account for 50 percent of the 22 million inhabitants.

— Reuters

## South Pacific

LAKE MACQUAIRE, Australia — Human remains, including a skull, arm and pelvis, which were found in the stomach of a nine-foot plus tiger shark, are being examined by investigators attempting to identify the victim.

The shark was caught off the New South Wales coast and weighed 811 pounds.

It is not known whether the remains are male or female. Remains previously found in sharks have commonly been those of drowning victims.

The tiger shark is responsible for the majority of Australian shark attacks — only the Great White shark has attacked and killed more humans. Tiger sharks can grow up to 18 feet in length.

— CNN News

Briefs compiled from various news services by Mustang Daily contributor Anne Guilford.

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## GHB

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normally wear off after four hours. According to a National Institute for Drug Abuse study, GHB-related visits to the emergency room rose from 20 in 1992 to 2,960 in 1999. Ninety-five percent of those treated were between the ages of 18 and 34, the study said.

Increasing use of GHB, otherwise known as "Grievous Bodily Harm," "G," "Liquid Ecstasy" and "Georgia Home Boy," is a problem nationwide and locally.

"For several years there have been indicators of rising use," said Capt. Bart Topham of the San Luis Obispo Police Department. "We have responded to a lot more calls relating to its use."

According to the California Central District Drug Threat Assessment, released by the Department of Justice, the abuse of dangerous drugs such as GHB is significantly affecting California.

▼ "It is pretty similar to ecstasy. The statistics come later, after the deaths."

**Tonje Silfvenius**

director of the Prevention Education Program at San Jose State University

A New Times article published two years ago detailed San Luis Obispo's "club drug" scene. It showed the use of various drugs at Tortilla Flats' weekly rave, at the Graduate, at parties in rented-out halls such as the Forum, and simply at house parties.

The owners at every club in the story said they take many precautions to avoid drug use on their property, but it still happens, according to the New Times article.

It is hard to judge how far GHB use has actually grown. There are still very few statistics out there, Silfvenius said.

"We don't have any data," said Mary Peracca, alcohol and drug specialist for the Health and Counseling Services Center at Cal Poly. "All the 'club drugs' are pretty new. It will take some time to gather figures."

Silfvenius agreed, and said that counselors are just now starting to see statistics about GHB.

"It is pretty similar to ecstasy," she said. "The statistics come later, after the deaths."

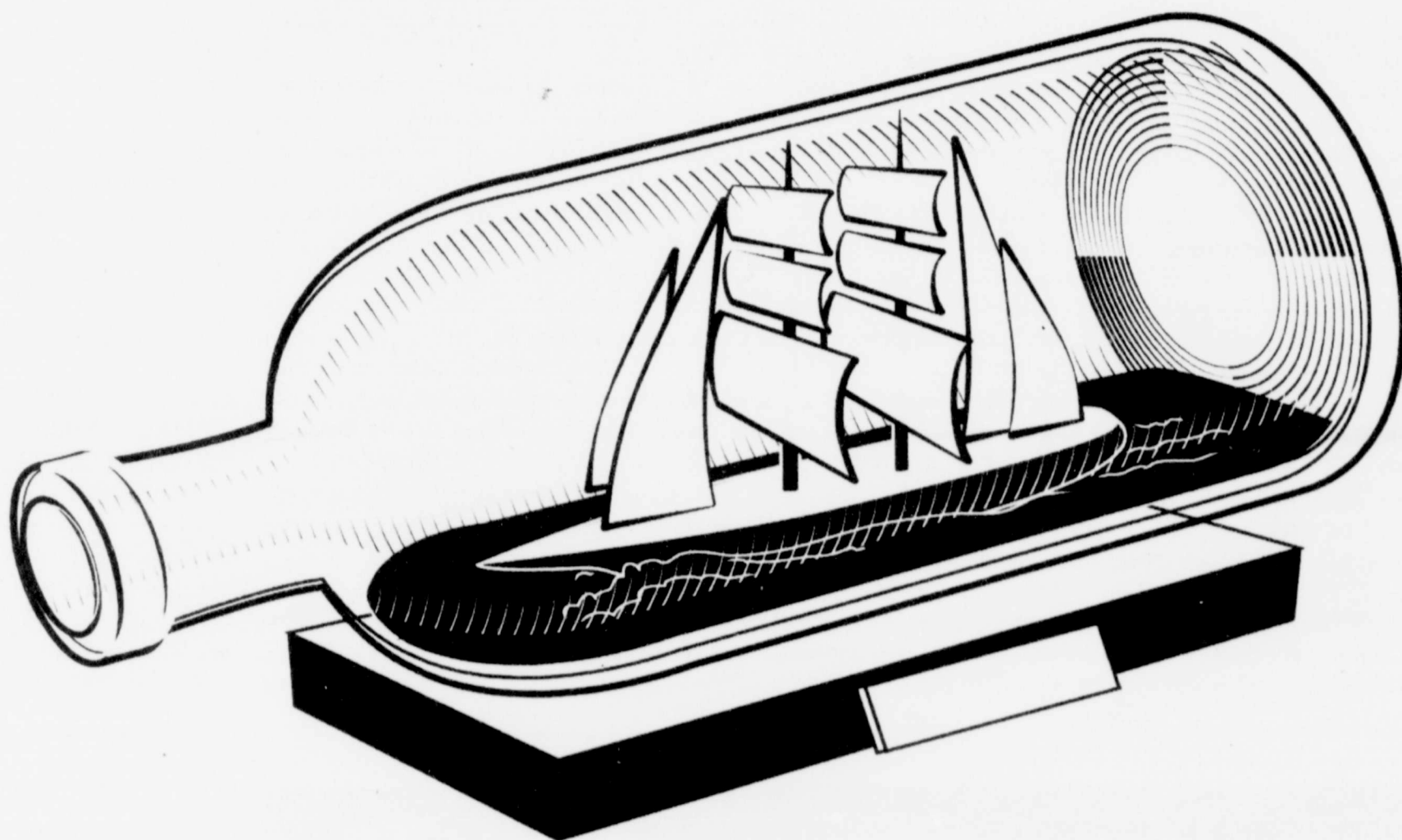
The bigger problem for college students, though, is still alcohol and marijuana abuse. A recent study by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism states that 1,400 college students die in alcohol-related deaths a year.

For questions about GHB, call the Health and Counseling Services Center at 756-2511.



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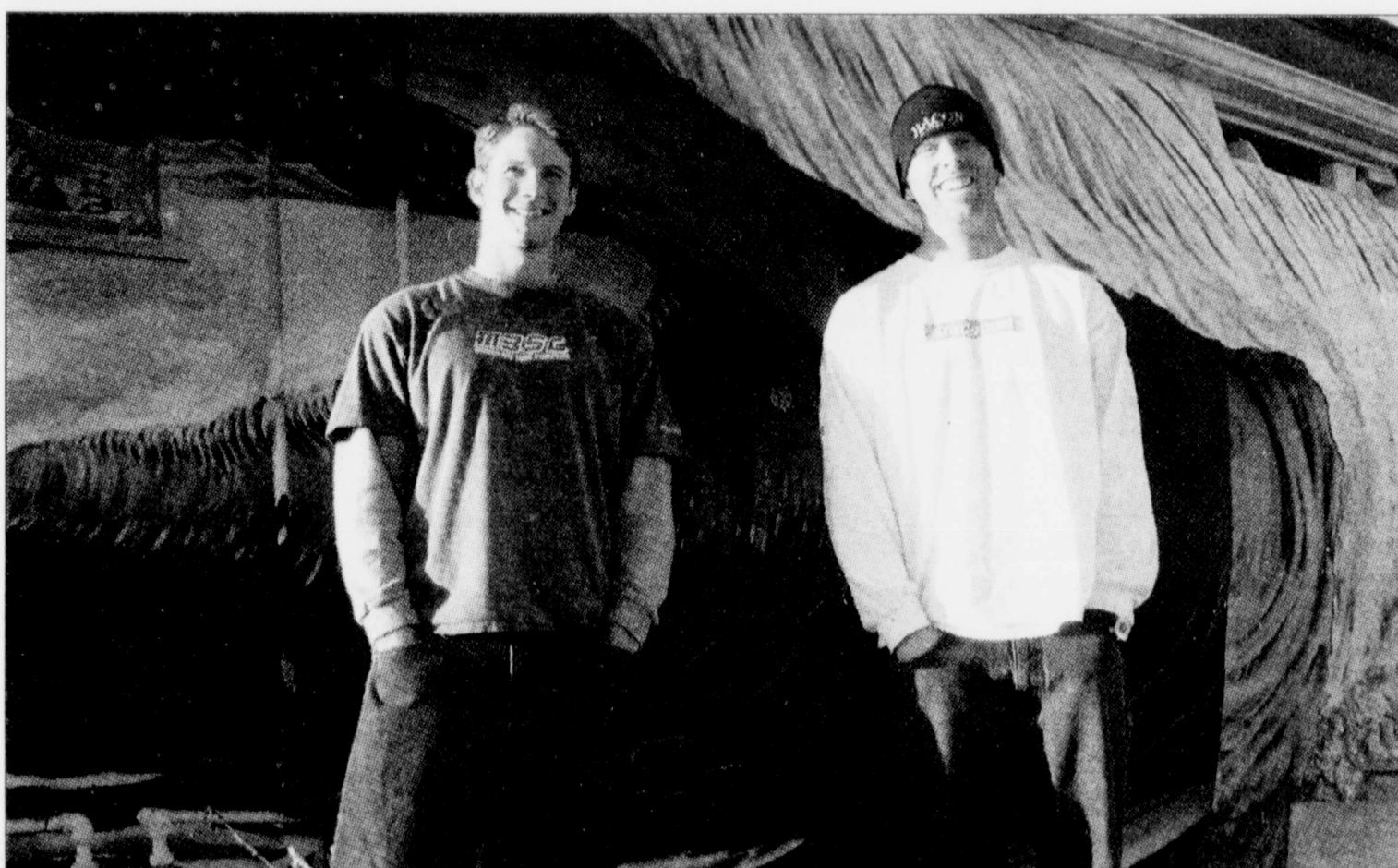


# Poly grads ride surf industry to success

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Randazzo plays the straightforward business guy while Ditmore tosses out

"Nate is the industry guy," Randazzo said. "He's established a lot of contacts for us. It's hard to live up here and be



BRYAN DICKERSON/MUSTANG DAILY

The word 'team' can be overused these days while it was once reserved for sports and comic book crime fighters, it has recently settled to the ranks of everything from hamburger franchise employees to cleaning products. But team is an apt description for the two. They split the shop's duties equally, both ordering, tracking and stocking inventory and giving surf reports. While one keeps a financial ledger of daily activities, the other creates the



A party for local artist and videographer Chris Enns' release of his video

"If we grew up there (in Southern California), we would have moved away," Ditmore said. "We have great waves, great people and it's mellow and slow compared to there. I've traveled a lot and for as beautiful as things are elsewhere in the world, the Central Coast is home."

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## Smokers are costing America billions of dollars

The nasty habit of smoking is finally taking its toll on non-smokers. Each pack of cigarettes sold in the United States costs the nation \$7 in medical care and lost productivity, a government study recently reported. More shocking is that the study estimates that smoking-attributable expenditures cost Californians \$7.1 billion.

If smokers continue puffing away at this rate, they will soon put themselves at the top of the list of most money spent on addiction-related medical problems. And that's something for which non-smokers shouldn't have to pay.

The study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) put the nation's total cost of smoking at \$3,391 a year for every smoker, or \$157.7 billion.

While the cost of cigarette packs is increasing, the annual income to the United States in taxes is going up as well. Those taxes brought in by each carton the usual chain smoker buys aren't nearly enough to cover the medical costs incurred by smoking two packs a day.

As usual, the report indicates that smoking continues to be the leading cause of preventable death in the United States. On average, adult men and women smokers lost 13.2 and 14.5 years of life, respectively, because they smoked. That's 15 years more that smokers get out of paying taxes on the medical bills they've placed on the government's doorstep because of an addiction they picked up in middle school to look cool.

The enormous health-related economic costs to society aren't worth the nicotine fix each cigarette contains. What's more is that the painful diseases like lung cancer, brought on by smoking, are costing billions to those who choose not to input such harmful substances into their bodies.

Americans buy about 22 billion packs of cigarettes annually. The CDC report says that the average cost of a pack of cigarettes in 1999 was \$2.92. Since then, government taxes have been imposed, rightfully so, in an effort to discourage youngsters from starting and encourage old-timers to quit. The last time I heard, a pack of cigarettes was around \$4.

I've heard smokers say before that they spend the same amount on cigarettes a quarter that they spend on tuition at Cal Poly.

If a habit cost me as much as my tuition each quarter, and I knew that long-term as well as short-term consequences applied, you can be sure that I'd find something else to do with my time rather than take a smoking break – and find something better to do with my money, like take a trip to Hawaii.

There is a huge difference in the cost to society and what society is getting back in taxes from cigarettes. Unfortunately, non-smokers are bearing the burden that smokers are placing upon them each time they light up a cancer stick.

The individual behavior choices of smokers are taking their toll. And you can bet that the government will respond to this by increasing taxes on cartons, cracking down on the tobacco industry and leaving smokers and their families to foot the medical bills when they're lying in the hospital craving one last cigarette before they die.

Jennifer Thomson is a journalism junior and a Mustang Daily staff writer.

## Navy technology drowns whale whines

Although some argue that military readiness outweighs environmental concerns, harming our natural resources in the process should not be an option. In the long run, these resources sustain humankind's ability to live on earth,

### Commentary

regardless of military friction on the other side of the globe or right in our back yard.

Over the past 10 years, the Navy has been developing a sonar system able to detect the technologically advanced "quiet" submarines. This sonar system emits very low frequency, resounding waves, which oceanographers and environmentalists claim may seriously confuse, harm and potentially exterminate marine mammals that use similar sound communication.

Marine mammals, including large whales, are the subjects of this debate since these creatures survive primarily on their own sonar-communication systems to locate each other and food sources.

"It is absolutely necessary to be worried about sound if we don't want to negatively impact marine creatures," said Darlene Ketten, and auditory specialist at the

Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution and a member of an ongoing National Academy of Sciences research effort into ocean noise.

Icons such as Shamu and Free Willy illustrate this country's affection for these giants of the deep and show a profound environmental awareness for the well being of these whales. Since these creatures hold one of the highest levels of recognition by the public, how can we allow a technology to become widespread when it potentially threatens the lives of these whales?

The National Marine Fisheries Service is currently examining whether the sonar technology may be used and what restrictions should be put in place if it is deployed. If the military has its way, the examinations will be overturned or endlessly pushed on the backburner.

The sonar technology versus marine mammal debate is only an excuse to aid the current military push toward exemptions from environmental regulations.

After the catastrophic terrorist events of Sept. 11, the United States seems to be moving gradually back toward the militarism more common in the 1980s and

"... how can we allow a technology to become widespread when it potentially threatens the lives of these whales?"

before. This debate adds to a growing list of military projects that either have been proven to harm our environment or have the potential to do so.

Although it is sometimes nearly impossible to realize the far-reaching effects of new technology, such has been proven harmful in the past, as in the deployment of nuclear explosives in the barren regions of the country.

The edginess created by terrorist acts almost a year ago may influence the majority of Americans to agree with the sonar proponents only because the use is military-related and focused toward national security. However, these patriotic citizens do not realize that the sonar debate goes further than one small technology tool employed by the military to protect them from war.

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## Letters to the editor

### Skateboarding rules should be re-evaluated

Editor,

I'm writing in response to Jay Devore's request ("Claims against El Corral are ridiculous," April 17). Jay was asking why some people, such as skateboarders, believe that society's rules apply to everyone but themselves. First of all, I'm pretty sure that the skateboarder in question doesn't feel that the restrictions of skateboarding on campus should apply to anybody, including himself.

Most people I associate with have no problems with skateboarders either. So who is this "society" and what gives them the right to make rules. My psychic powers are telling me that it isn't a society of responsible skateboarders. I certainly wasn't consulted. I guess it's kind of like having people who are afraid of flying regulating the airline industry. It's really kind of absurd.

Being a bike rider, I feel persecuted on campus, so for skateboarders it has to be worse. What's more is it's ridiculous to pass laws to keep skaters and bikers from hurting people. These are people moving very quickly with minimal safety features, maybe a helmet. You don't have to tell them to watch where they're going. I've lost some serious chunks of skin from braking too hard on a bike. Seeing that they have less in between themselves and intense personal damage, I trust the skateboarders not to hit me.

The big question is whether or not these skateboard and bike restrictions do reflect society's rules. While they do give the campus police something to do, I think that they need to be re-evaluated. I propose the obvious solution. All skateboarding and

biking restrictions should be abolished for one quarter. After that quarter, the students will be well informed as to what effect these restrictions have. Then a vote can be held and the rules readjusted to match the rules that society prefers. ASI should get right on this.

James Medina is an economics junior.

### What makes a day a really great day?

Editor,

Sunday was the best day of my life. I woke up really early to go to church. I was able to serve as an usher and enjoy both services. After that, I came home and a friend came over to help me prepare for a biology midterm this week. It's awesome that someone would volunteer to help me with something with no expectations of any type of reward. After I understood the complex biological theories of the universe, I took a nap. I like naps. They're fun, especially if you get up really early in the morning. After I had violently vanquished my sleepiness, I ate dinner and went to another church to serve in the night service. After that, I came home and had a good talk with my roommate. It was a good day.

You probably noticed that people judge how their days are by what they do, as I did. If this were all people needed to have a good day, you would think that the busiest people would have great days all the time. That's simply not true. They're usually the stressed ones. And then there are those who don't do anything. They usually respond to "How was your day?" with "eh" or "OK." So, what does it take to have a

great day, or the best day? What consists of a best day? It would have to be something really important. Being who I am and believing as I do, today was the best day of my life because Jesus loves me and I love Him more than I did yesterday. My sins have been wiped clean and I get to start all over with a clear conscience and clean bill of spiritual health. And do you know what the best part is? Tomorrow's going to be better.

Jonathan Dow is an architectural engineering senior.

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## ZULFACAR

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youth peace corps with the United States, and connecting Kabul University with universities in the United States, including Cal Poly.

She is also trying to urge scholars and second generation Afghans to return to the country, at least on a short-term basis, to lecture and teach English as a second language.

"It's like the globalization of Cal Poly," she said, referring to her hopes of connecting the two universities. The program has a dual purpose to her: to bring unfiltered exposure of the absolute poverty and lack of resources on the other side of the world to Cal Poly students, and at the same time, to use the resources available to students in this country to benefit and improve the situation of Afghan students.

"The purpose is to have more interaction with students inside Afghanistan," she said. "With more exposure to people from different parts of the world, I think the culture of violence will change. They will have more hope and incentives for the future. They will think twice about the culture of fanaticism and oppressive regimes they were living under."

The disparities between U.S. univer-

sities and those on the other side of the world are clearly evident, she said.

For example, 16 students live in one dormitory room in Afghan universities. They have no access to electricity after 8 p.m., and with no computer systems, they have no means to contact the outside world.

Because of these disparities, one of Zulfacar's main goals is to make Cal Poly students aware of the inequalities between U.S. universities and those in less developed countries.

After being away for 23 years, the realization of such inequalities came as a shock. When she arrived at her old neighborhood and saw the destruction that had taken place, she said it "felt as if it were a dream or a movie. It was unreal to see a country exposed to such a level of poverty and deprivation. Afghanistan has always been a poor country, but prior to the turmoil it was a self-sufficient agrarian society."

For the most part, the citizens of Afghanistan are relieved that the political turmoil is gone. Whenever Zulfacar rode in a taxi, the driver would always play a cassette, something forbidden under Taliban rule.

"They would comment, 'You don't know what it's like to not listen to music for so many years,'" she remembered.

However, fear of the oppression still remains in the country. Women did not

wear their veils at the university but always carried them and wore them once they stepped off campus. When Zulfacar asked them why, they said they wore them out of fear.

Young men also remain fearful of the retaliation. They liked having the opportunity to shave their beards and to wear western clothes, yet insecurities remained and most restrained themselves from doing either.

Zulfacar explained that insecurities persist because of the presence of fanatic elements in the culture. Some students told Zulfacar that there were many fanatics with shaved beards, hiding among the crowds.

What carried Zulfacar through the dramatic experience of revisiting her home country was the overwhelming sense of hope surrounding her.

"In the midst of their absolute deprivation and poverty, there was such a strong sense of hope for the future," she said.

She recalled how every time she walked out of a taxi they would hang on to her hand and ask her if she would return, if she would stay to help the country get out of its current situation. Their pleas were those of hope, she remembered. Hope that scholars and second generation Afghans who had left the country would return and help rebuild the nation.

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# Mustangs drop weekend series to Irvine

By Steve Hill

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly baseball opened its house to UC Irvine this weekend, and the Anteaters — much like the friend who shows up unannounced, eats all of your food and crashes on your couch — left the place a mess.

After taking the first game of the series on Friday night with a 7-4 victory, Cal Poly dropped the final two games in the series Saturday and Sunday after a barrage of hitting and stellar pitching by Irvine.

Friday night's victory marked the first time since Feb. 17 that Cal Poly had a .500 record, highlighted by 7 1/3 innings pitched by righty Tyler Fitch and a 3-for-4 night from catcher Kyle Wilson, who continues to be a force to be reckoned with at the plate. His RBI led the way and brought his team-leading total to 37.

The Mustangs only got a short taste of life at the break-even point, however, as a 14-10 loss Saturday afternoon brought the club to 21-22-1 overall.

For the 30th time this season, Cal Poly reached double digits in hits, continuing its dominance in the batter's box, but six pitchers were not enough to silence Irvine, who pounded out 23 hits on its way to the win. After leading 12-1 by the third inning, the Anteaters didn't give in, with first baseman Matt Anderson and centerfielder Jon Horwitz heading the attack with three hits and a RBI each.

In the rubber match on Sunday, the Mustangs were presented with the daunting task of facing Irvine's Glenn Swanson, a freshman out of San Diego with a wicked curveball and pinpoint accuracy around the plate. The lefthander had recently been named a mid-season "All American" by Baseball America for his 6-3 record and 2.81 ERA.

But Cal Poly sent its ace to the hill, with right-hander Kevin Correia bringing a 7-2 record to Baggett Stadium to face the hot bats of the Anteaters. From the quick work by both hurlers through the first two innings, it appeared a pitcher's duel



Cal Poly senior first baseman Brian Haskell fields the ball during Sunday's game against the Anteaters. After opening the series with a win on Friday, the Mustangs dropped the last two games of Open House weekend, falling to 21-23 on the season.

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MUSTANG DAILY

might have been in store, but Irvine quickly put an end to any idea of the sort.

With two outs and a runner on in the third, former Cuesta College standout Chris Klemm stepped to the plate for the Anteaters and delivered a bloop single into left field to start the rally. Designated hitter R.J. Brown then ripped a double to right-center, driving in Klemm and Anderson and upping his RBI count for the series to eight.

Tally up a wild pitch and three more hits for Irvine, and the Anteaters were off to a 4-0 lead. The fourth inning brought more of the same, as catcher Chris Miller stepped to the plate. With the wind blowing steadily out to left field, Miller took a 2-2 pitch over the left field wall for

his ninth home run of the year.

"They swung the bat's lights out this weekend," Cal Poly coach Ritch Price said of the Irvine offensive attack.

After a three-run rally in the bottom of the fifth, led by senior Jason Barringer's leadoff triple, it seemed as if Cal Poly was showing some signs of life. But Swanson wouldn't have it, dazzling the Mustang offense with a mix of the curve and a changeup, painting the black and nailing every spot he needed to hold the usually potent Cal Poly batters to six hits.

"I knew coming in here that my velocity's not that great, so I've got to mix my pitches," Swanson said.

Although Cal Poly dropped the series — a crucial one in the Big West standings, where the Mustangs

currently sit at fifth place — Price still saw positives overall.

"I thought we played as well defensively as we could," he said. "Scott Anderson put on a clinic on how to play shortstop."

Barringer also noted that confidence is the key for success for the rest of the season.

"I was seeing the ball well today," he said. "I feel pretty confident right now. The key is hitting the ball hard."

As Cal Poly heads into a weekend series with Sacramento State, a team winless in conference play, Price sees an opportunity to put some more wins on the board and stay in the playoff hunt.

"We've continued to play well," he said. "We're in pretty good shape."

## Lakers ready for bumpy ride on road to playoff success

By J.A. Adande

LOS ANGELES TIMES

(WIRE) LOS ANGELES — Find the most comfortable seat in the house. Make sure the refrigerator is stocked. Keep the ibuprofen handy. If you want something scenic, go take a walk on the beach.

This Laker playoff run is going to be a lot like Sunday's 95-87 victory over Portland in Game 1. Long and laborious. Grinding. Not pretty.

"It may be that way this year," Rick Fox said. "We may not have the sort of dominant outcome that people are used to seeing."

"As long as we're winning, we can discuss later how aesthetically pleasing to the eye it is."

As one indication of how tough this is going to be, I've gone to the Rick Fox card after only one game. Fox quotes are the white chocolate raspberry truffle cheesecake of the Laker locker room: always just as good as you expect, but you can't have it

▼  
"As long as we're winning, we can discuss later how aesthetically pleasing to the eye it is."

**Rick Fox**  
L.A. Lakers forward

too much. So normally I try to put him off for stretches, or avoid him for weeks at a time.

Well, the diet is officially off.

So is any pretense of balance in the Laker attack, which is a reason that their title defense will be so difficult.

The Lakers seem more reliant on Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant than ever. They made seven of the team's eight field goals in the first quarter, 11 of the 15 in the first half and 20 of 32 for the game.

The only other Laker to reach double figures in scoring was Derek Fisher, and he didn't get there until he made

a three-pointer with 3:44 left in the fourth quarter.

Good help is going to be hard to find. And don't expect it to come from some unexpected source.

If Game 1 was any indication, Phil Jackson is keeping his rotation tighter than a Britney Spears outfit. He straight up said before the game that he is "not very comfortable" with using Mark Madsen and Slava Medvedenko at power forward. Lindsey Hunter made a token appearance and we might not see Mitch Richmond again until the victory parade.

Not that the parade is a sure thing. In fact, here's the only thing you can guarantee: the Lakers won't sweep through the Western Conference again.

We should get a good chance to see the comparison between then and now, because it's likely that the Lakers, if they get far enough, will face the same three opponents: Portland,

San Antonio and Sacramento.

Portland already has closed the gap a little bit. The Trail Blazers weren't within 13 points of the Lakers at the end of any playoff game last season. Now they seem ready to hang in and put up a fight, as opposed to last year's debacle when they melted down into a towel-tossing, referee-attacking mess that posed a threat only to themselves.

"It's going to be one of those series where we're going to have to read," Jackson said.

As opposed to what, just looking at the pictures?

Yes, this is going to take some effort, both playing and watching. It will require stamina. Jackson went on to talk about stuff like "specials," "automatics" and "pressure releases," but the key word in his descent into basketball jargon was "survive."

That probably will be the theme of these playoffs, and that's what the Lakers did Sunday.

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### BRIEFS

## USA Track ordered to comply with procedures

By Alan Abrahamson  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

(WIRE) BOSTON — Dealing USA Track and Field an embarrassing blow to its prestige, the U.S. Olympic Committee on Sunday ordered it to comply with anti-doping and accounting procedures by Aug. 31 or risk losing the right to oversee the most popular sport in the Summer Games.

The USOC Board of Directors approved a resolution that would revoke USATF's membership in the USOC and its recognition as what is called a "national governing body" if by Aug. 31 USATF "does not come into compliance."

The unanimous vote "clearly says we will take a stand," Lloyd Ward, the chief executive officer of the USOC, said afterward. The board has 123 members; perhaps half were on hand for the vote.

The vote gives USOC considerable leverage over USATF in an area that has for months caused friction between the two entities and generated considerable ill will internationally, much of it owing to a specific case.

USATF has refused to identify a U.S. athlete who tested positive in 1999 for an anabolic steroid, was exonerated by an appeals board and then competed in the 2000 Sydney Summer Olympics. USATF, according to a USOC report, also once failed to include sprint star Michael Johnson's name on a list of athletes eligible for out-of-competition drug testing; officials at the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency subsequently added his name to the list so that he remained eligible.